

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A lubricating oil composition for sizing, comprising (A) a lubricating base oil having a kinematic viscosity of 0.5 to 100 mm²/s at 40°C, and compounded therein (B) an extreme-pressure agent in an amount of 0.1 to 10 % by mass and (C) a metal deactivator in an amount of 0.01 to 5 % by mass, each based on a total amount of said composition.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The lubricating oil composition for sizing as defined in claim 1, wherein said extreme-pressure agent, ~~being~~ component (B), is an organic phosphoric acid ester compound, and said metal deactivator, ~~being~~ component (C), is a benzotriazole compound and/or thiadiazole compound.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The lubricating oil composition for sizing as defined in claim 1 ~~[[or 2]]~~, further comprising (D) an anti-oxidizing agent and/or an anti-foaming agent.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The lubricating oil composition for sizing as defined in claim 2 ~~[[or 3]]~~, wherein said organic phosphoric acid ester compound, ~~being~~ component (B), has a phosphoric acid residue having a total carbon number of 8 or more.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The lubricating oil composition for sizing as defined in ~~any one of claims 2 through 4~~ claim 2, wherein said organic phosphoric acid ester compound is a phosphite ester or an acid phosphite ester.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~[[The]]~~ A sizing for a sintered alloy used in oil impregnated bearings, said sizing comprising the lubricating oil composition for sizing as defined in claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 through 5, wherein said lubricating oil composition is used in sizing a sintered alloy for oil impregnated bearings.~~

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A method of preparing an oil impregnated bearing, ~~characterized by~~ said method comprising sizing a sintered alloy with ~~the use of~~ a lubricating oil composition for sizing as defined in ~~any one of claims 1 through 6~~ claim 1, followed by degreasing and impregnating with a bearing oil.

Claim 8 (Original): An oil impregnated bearing prepared by a method according to claim 7.